

Val Dolcini
State Executive Director, USDA Farm Service Agency (California)

Val Dolcini is the State Executive Director of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency (FSA), where he is responsible for all USDA farm programs and policies in the nation's leading agricultural state.

Dolcini oversees 30 county offices – from Mt. Shasta to the fields of the Imperial Valley -- whose primary mission is to deliver USDA programs such as farm loans, commodity price support, disaster relief, conservation support and other available resources to California's farmers and ranchers. He has been appointed to this position by two presidents – President Clinton in 1999 and President Obama in 2009.

Prior to this appointment, he worked for a Fortune 500 technology and management consulting firm where he guided government relations programs for company clients, strategized with business teams about relationship development and consulted on a wide range of political matters. He has also held senior staff positions for the Governor and Lt. Governor of California and earlier in his career, Dolcini spent several years as a senior staff member for two California members of the U.S. House of Representatives.

A fifth-generation Californian, Dolcini received a B.A. in History from San Francisco State University and a J.D. from Golden Gate University School of Law. He also attended the University of Uppsala in Sweden.